



# PSC NEWS

## Missouri Public Service Commission

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### **PSC SETS HEARING DATES IN AQUILA ELECTRIC RATE CASE**

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold hearings in January in an electric rate case filed by Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS and Aquila Networks-L&P. Hearings, to be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building (200 Madison Street, Jefferson City), are scheduled to begin on **January 2, 2006**. These hearings will continue through January 20, 2006, if necessary.

The Governor Office Building is a facility which meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or dial 711 for Relay Missouri prior to the hearings.

On May 24, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed an electric rate case with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to increase annual electric revenues in its MPS and L&P service areas. Aquila, Inc. seeks an increase of approximately \$69.2 million in its MPS service area and an increase of approximately \$9.4 million in its L&P service area.

For the average MPS residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$11.48 a month. For the average L&P residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$4.54 a month.

Applications to intervene and participate in this case must be filed on or before June 20, 2005, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360. Copies of the application should be sent to: James C. Swearengen, Esq., Brydon, Swearengen & England, 312 East Capitol Avenue, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0456; and the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment may contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

**The Commission will hold local public hearings on the proposed rate increase. Dates, times and locations will be announced later.**

Aquila, Inc. provides electric service to approximately 240,000 customers in its MPS service area and to approximately 60,000 customers in its L&P service area (formerly St. Joseph Light & Power).